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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0635
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN
AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CPAS, SF, AS
SUBJECT: PASSPORTS: PRESS REPORT OF FRAUDULENT USE
OF AMERICAN PASSPORT

1. RAND DAILY MAIL (RDM) OF JOHANNESBURG OF SEPTEMBER 23 REPORTS
NEVILLE CURTIS, BANNED FORMER PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL UNION OF SOUTH

AFRICAN STUDENTS (NUSAS) FLED SOUTH AFRICA ABOARD ITALIAN FLAG SS

MARCONI WHICH SAILED FROM CAPE TOWN ON SEPTEMBER 10, AND THAT
HE BOARDED SHIP USING AMERICAN PASSPORT IN NAME OF "MR. L. REYNOLDS".
RDM ALSO REPORTS CURTIS APPLIED FOR ASYLUM IN AUSTRALIA WHEN SS
MARCONI ARRIVED FREEMANTLE SEPTEMBER 21 AND IS IN CUSTODY OF
SHIP'S CAPTAIN PENDING ARRIVAL MELBOURNE.

2. CURTIS' UNCLE, ALLEN CURTIS OF CANBERRA, WILL SUPPORT ASYLUM
APPLICATION; ANOTHER UNCLE, ALF CURTIS OF MELBOURNE, WILL MEET SHIP
ON ARRIVAL. HIS FATHER IN JOHANNESBURG WAS QUOTED IN RDM AS
EXPECTING CURTIS WOULD CONTINUE HIS ANTI-APARTHEID ACTIVITIES
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IN AUSTRALIA.

3. FOR CANBERRA: FYI: CURTIS WAS ACTIVE IN OPPOSING APARTHEID
IN SOUTH AFRICA, RESULTING IN HIS BEING "BANNED" FOR FIVE YEARS
UNDER MINISTER OF JUSTICE ORDER. BANNING ORDER IS PECULIARLY
SOUTH AFRICAN DEVICE USED TO MUZZLE POLITICAL OPPOSITION.
END FYI.

4. DIRECT U.S. INTEREST IN THIS CASE LIES IN REPORTED FRAUDULENT

USE OF AMERICAN PASSPORT, AND ARE NOW CHECKING WITH OUR CONSTITUENT
POSTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

5. FOR CANBERRA: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOUR SOURCES

COULD DEVELOP ON THIS REPORTED FRAUD.
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